Dublin, 16th June, 1855.

Dear Miss Chapman

I had a letter from Miss Estlin this morning enclosing a note she had just rec'd from you in which you report the non arrival of the Bazaar Letters. They arrived very late this year and were immediately forwarded with the exception of a small parcel to Newcastle which was for some time delayed. You were at the time in [illegible] Ambleside and about to leave for London or Bristol. I thought it would be useless to send to Ambleside and as you were very uncertain about going to Bristol I sent the parcel along with others to London, care of the publisher of the Advocate, Mr Tweedie, with directions to have them at once forwarded — among the rest yours to Mr Vandeweyer, Portland Place. He wrote me he would do so. This day I had a reply to another enquiry, saying he had done so, naming Mr Vandeweyer in particular.

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I will write a short note by this post to Mr. Van de weyer saying that I forwarded to him a small parcel of books for you which you are very desirous to have as soon as possible. This will save many days & I will say nothing of the object lest he may have some prejudice against it.
I do not think that the distribution of the American parcels would be so promptly & faithfully carried out by any one as by Mrs Webb and me. For Miss Estlin would probably pay the charges out of ~~our~~ her own purse while we send them promptly, & charge any inevitable costs to Boston — having always however regard to economy of your treasury. With respect to your parcel I do not see what else I could have done.

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As it was evidently Miss E's wish you should have a prompt explanation I have begun my note with this. But by this time you have doubtless heard of the death of our dear Mr Estlin. I heard of it for the

first time in a letter from Miss Estlin
of Bristol which reached me yesterday. Miss
E's letter began quite fairly, as I
thought, to speak of her father's
high satisfaction in having completed a
protest # against the conduct of the
B. & F. Society respecting the late Confer-
ence in London. which was intended
for publication in the July Advocate
~~the then~~ and how he saw his way
clear to an exposure in the Advocate
of his or our views of Douglass this
doings — then she spoke of the Anti
Slavery tea party at his house — her
father's cheerfulness — his seizure &
his death. You well know what a
man he was and what a friend the
cause has lost in him. My acquain-
tance with him began I think in
1845 with some enquiries he made
of me about Anti Slavery matters
I answered very fully, being glad to
have such an intelligent enquirer —
then followed our meeting in London,
my visits to him & and his visit to
me. I never knew a man in whom
I could have more entire confidence.

He was as open as the day and
when he gave his confidence he gave
it completely. The world will feel a
great deal emptier to me now that
he is no more to be seen in it. How
Caroline & Emma & all your family
will lament him. He was a jewel
of a man

Miss Esther's state of mind is
beautiful & admirable — and such
a father could not have left a
worthier daughter

With kindest regards to you
all I am yours very truly

Richd D Webb

If you should receive this parcel I would
be much obliged by a line from you.
Will you say where your invalid sister
& her faithful nurse are — & what you
last heard of P. Pillsbury. Oh how
bitterly he will lament his loss.

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